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*In re application of*

Richard Cawthon

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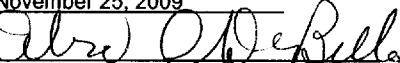
For *Methods of Predicting Mortality  
Risk by Determining Telomere  
Length*

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant has considered the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2009 and offers the following amendments and remarks. This Response is being filed following the filing of a Notice of Appeal on July 27, 2009 and is filed prior to or on the extended deadline of November 27, 2009 with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and petition for a two-month extension of time and requisite fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, including extension fees or additional claim fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Attorney Docket No. 067629-5011-US).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.